

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on January 30, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 345, 1/24/2007; HB 356,
1/25/2007; HB 270, 1/16/2007

CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:26 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, re-opened the hearing on
HB 270, Tax credit for purchase of health care.

EXHIBIT(tah20a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:21 Pet Melby, Montana Medical Association
00:04:56 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:05:08 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Businesses

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:05:31 Shona McHugh, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:06:03 Rep. McAlpin
00:06:20 Barb Wagner, Tax Policy and Research, Department of
Revenue
00:10:20 Rep. McAlpin
00:10:43 Barb Wagner
00:11:30 Rep. Erickson
00:13:09 Barb Wagner
00:15:50 Rep. Cohenour
00:17:17 Pet Melby
00:18:01 Rep. Nooney
00:19:53 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
00:20:17 Rep. Hilbert
00:20:47 Rep. Lange
00:21:35 Rep. McAlpin
00:22:00 Rep. Lange
00:24:09 Rep. Grinde
00:24:20 Rep. Jopek
00:30:08 Rep. Lange
00:30:29 Rep. Erickson
00:32:05 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

00:32:38 Rep. Michael Lange

00:33:18 Shawn Quinn, Montana Democratic Party

HEARING ON HB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:31 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 345, Renters tax credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:37:56 Scott Martin, representing Montana State University ~ Billings

00:38:56 Denver Henderson, ASUM Lobbyist, University of Montana

00:41:02 Jessica LaRoche, ASMSU Lobbyist, Montana State University

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:20 Shona McHugh, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:47 Rep. Erickson

00:42:43 Rep. Jopek

00:44:20 Rep. Lange

00:51:18 Rep. Nooney

00:53:27 Rep. McAlpin

00:54:43 Rep. Ross

00:54:57 Shona McHugh

00:56:32 Rep. Butcher

01:03:42 Rep. Lange

01:05:05 Rep. Cohenour

01:05:47 Shona McHugh

01:07:06 Rep. Hamilton

01:07:45 Denver Henderson

01:09:04 Rep. Erickson

01:12:09 Rep. Nooney

01:13:07 Rep. Jopek

01:16:00 Rep. Erickson

01:16:38 Rep. MacLaren

01:17:17 Chairman Lake

01:18:06 Rep. Ross

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:20 Rep. Michael Lange

01:21:16 Break

01:34:26 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:34:35 Rep. Michael Lange (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 356, Reduce property taxes by changes in state aid to schools.

EXHIBIT (tah20a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:41:42 Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

01:44:01 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:46:09 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses

01:46:38 Charles Brooks, representing Billings-area Chamber of Commerce

01:47:14 Pat Torgerson, Women Involved in Farm Economics

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:48:08 Rep. Erickson
01:49:20 Rep. Cohenour
01:51:00 Chairman Lake
01:51:34 Rep. Ross
01:53:22 Chairman Lake
01:53:44 Rep. Jopek
02:05:12 Rep. Grinde

02:07:13 Break
02:10:46 Reconvene

02:11:11 Rep. Cohenour
02:12:50 Rep. Nooney
02:16:11 Rep. Erickson
02:20:15 Rep. Lambert
02:22:25 Rep. McAlpin
02:24:17 Jeff Martin
02:24:40 Rep. Erickson
02:25:26 Rep. McAlpin
02:25:45 Rep. Jopek
02:26:40 Chairman Lake
02:26:58 Rep. Lange

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:02 The sponsor did not close on HB 356. Chairman Lake will schedule a meeting to continue the hearing as additional information and fiscal note is needed to continue.

02:28:06 Chairman Lake

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:30 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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